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## GERMAN BATTLE CRUISERS SHELL BRITISH COAST TOWN, KILLING FOUR; RETREAT AFTER SHARP ENGAGEMENT WITH DEFENSE FLEET

### DUBLIN IS SCENE OF UPRISING

Rebels Hold Many Points in Irish Capital Following Severe Engagements With Troops—Casualties Heavy

Many Civilians and Four or Five Soldiers Are Reported Killed—Disturbances Severe Yet Encountered

London, April 25—Following serious disturbances yesterday, rebels today are in possession of four or five different parts of the city of Dublin.

Announcement to this effect was made in the House of Commons today by Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland. He said the situation was now well in hand.

When the disturbances broke out, troops were rushed to the Irish capital. The troops are on duty today.

In engagements with the rebels, four or five soldiers had been killed. Twelve civilians are said to have been killed.

The disturbances were the most violent that have arisen. Mr. Birrell said that arrests of alleged leaders had been made, but the names were not disclosed.

Mr. Birrell made his announcement in reply to a question by Commoner Craig, immediately after the assembling of the House. He said the post office had been forcibly taken possession of and that telegraphic communication had been cut. In the course of the day, however, Mr. Birrell said, soldiers arrived from the Curragh and the situation now was well in hand, although communication still was exceedingly difficult. He was not able to give further particulars.

The House, he continued, might take it from him that the situation was well in hand. The chief secretary for Ireland declared he could not say whether any persons had been arrested; neither could he give any names. Speaking from the information he had received, he could say that 12 lives had been lost. Communication with Dublin, he said, still was very difficult.

### TRICK HAMBURG STEAK USED TO DECEIVE POLICE

How a trick Hamburg steak was used to fool the police, who inspected Baldwin's Cannon street cafe, was brought out today when the county commissioners decided to forbid the sale of liquor on the upper floors of the resort. It was generally supposed that the second floor was a restaurant for large signs telling about the "lucky qualities of 'Steaks, chops and grilled joints' were proudly displayed. But the police discovered that the only food in the place was the trained steak. Whenever a bluecoat was seen climbing the stairs a waiter would bawl, "Hey, Eddie, hurry up with that steak." Soon the faithful Hamburg would be brought into view, flanked by a body guard of parsley and mushrooms. After the police left the steak was excused for the night.

The commissioners did not revoke the license of Baldwin's place, he had before but so many complaints were received about women on the second floor that the police complained to the commissioners. If Baldwin makes some improvements on the second floor he will be allowed later to apply for permission to sell liquor in what he calls his restaurant.

**MCKAY HURT IN FIGHT.** George McKay of 2 Shore street, New Britain, suffered a possible fracture of his left arm and a laceration of the scalp in an altercation in a saloon at Railroad and Park avenue last night. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital. He will be discharged in a few days. He is an electrician on the New Haven road.

### LOCOMOBILE CO. IN FLAMMABLE WHEN ACID SHED BURNS

Resin Boils Over and Part of Small Building Is Ruined By Flames.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN PREVENT GREAT FIRE

Two Alarms Registered But City Apparatus Finds Work Accomplished.

Melting resin bubbled over the rim of an iron pot at the Locomobile Co. plant shortly after noon today. It dripped down the side of the pot, carrying a string of flames with it. The flames worked to the flooring of the acid room and the woodwork covered with a coat of resin, was soon enveloped in flames.

The melting room is on the shore of Long Island Sound and a strong southeast wind, which was blowing at first, threatened the big plant, which is only 20 yards away from the melting room.

The blaze was discovered by Patrick J. Grace, 602 Atlantic street, master mechanic. He turned in an alarm of fire from the company's private box No. 192. The alarm called out the volunteer fire department connected with the factory. In a short time four streams of water were being played upon the burning building by the firemen of the factory.

Some persons pulled in an alarm from box No. 191 at Main and Atlantic streets. The second alarm of fire called out Companies 1, 2 and 3. Truck companies 1 and 2 and Chemical Co. No. 1. By the time the apparatus arrived the factory volunteers had the flames under control.

There are three motor pumps in the Locomobile factory, each one capable of pumping 3,000 gallons of water a minute. Upon the arrival of the city fire department two more streams of water were turned on the smoldering building. The shed is of wooden construction and the eastern wing was destroyed. Damage to the building itself is estimated at about \$500. Resin and acids are stored in the shed, but damage to these will not exceed \$100.

The work of the volunteer firemen under the supervision of Chief P. J. Grace and Assistant Chief E. F. Knowlton, was commended by the city fire department.

### WRECK INQUIRY MAY RESULT IN 2 INDICTMENTS

Westerly, R. I., April 25—The inquiry into the deaths of five persons in the wreck on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at Bradford on April 18, has developed evidence on which a request for two indictments will be based, according to reliable reports here today. The coroner's jury is to sit at South Kingston tomorrow with Judge Charles F. Stearns, presiding, and the findings at the inquiry will be heard.

Nineteen witnesses already have been heard behind closed doors. Investigation of a report that parts of a body had been buried with debris beside the track at Bradford shortly after the wreck occurred resulted today in the turning over of 1,000 feet of earth bordering the west-bound track.

Medical Examiner Michael H. Scanlon, who supervised this work, halted it with the statement that nothing to substantiate the report could be found. A few bones, a necktie, and parts of a man's clothing were unearthed. The clothing was believed to be that of Howard Partello, a railroad fireman who was killed.

### Automobile Victim Is Identified As Waterbury Woman

New Haven, April 25—The woman who was the only name she gave was that of "Clara." The two men who escaped practically unhurt from the wreck of the machine said they did not know her name.

### WARRENTE CONTRACTS SIGNED; HALF MILLION GRAB RUSHED THROUGH

"We're spending money like drunken sailors," said Alderman Daniel P. Harrigan, last night, as a resolution authorizing a contract for half a million dollars of Warrentite went through a special meeting of the common council, like the Twentieth Century Limited through a country town on a Michigan Lake Shore.

This morning, before the good citizens of Bridgeport had got their breakfasts fairly settled Mayor Wilson and Director Courade signed contracts with Warren Brothers, to lay Warrentite on streets named below.

There was no competition, no bidding, none of the usual protective conditions which surround the letting of municipal contracts.

The price was \$1.20 per square yard, with the usual extras, which heretofore have sufficed to make the average actual price \$1.52 per square yard.

Alderman Moran was first on his feet, when he learned that the object of the special meeting was to devote half a million dollars to Warrentite, without competition.

"Do you know of any other firm laying Warrentite?" blandly replied his honor, Mayor Wilson.

"As to what kind of pavement was to be laid," said Alderman Harrigan, "I understand that when the subject was first broached and a bond issue proposed, you said it would be decided later."

"Do you still doubt my word?" his honor replied, with blandness and gravity.

The protesting aldermen pointed to many objections, to such an expenditure, as that streets paved two years were already in poor shape, that it was proposed to lay the pavements on streets where were almost no houses.

Argument was entirely wasted. The administration during many months had bent its energies to getting this half million, they were there to spend it with the greatest speed possible.

This they did. And when the expenditure was authorized, Mayor Wilson lost no time putting his signature upon the resolution.

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### CASTINGS CO.'S OFFICIALS DENY STRIKE STORIES

Molders Disagree With Bosses and Quit, Report Among Union Men.

(Special to The Farmer.) Fairfield, April 25—Denial was made at the plant of the Aluminum Castings Co., this afternoon, that the molders had gone on strike.

Union leaders in Bridgeport received reports this morning from men who said they were molders of the Castings Co. They declared they had struck because their bosses wanted them to "break in" helpers as regular molders. The men say they refused and when the attitude of their employers wasn't changed they struck.

At first, absolute denial of any change at all, was made at the plant of the company. Later, the following statement was issued:

"We have some men to work at 10 o'clock this morning after they had quit their jobs at the new golf links on Saco Hill. We want all the men we can get. That may explain the story."

According to persons near the plant, molders walked out at 10 o'clock this morning and many more quit work with them, not returning until a boss talked with them outside the plant.

### DELAY HEARING ON HILL'S SEAT IN WASHINGTON

Congressmen Absent, Conference Is Postponed—Cummings Talks.

(Special to The Farmer.) Washington, April 25—The final hearing on the contest brought by former Congressman Jeremiah Donovan to unseat E. J. Hill as congressman from the Fourth Connecticut district will be held about the middle of May.

It was originally planned to have the hearing begin tomorrow, but several members of the House elections committee are absent.

State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings, who is counsel for Mr. Donovan in the action, at a conference with Chairman Stephens of the committee, yesterday arranged for the postponement of the hearing.

Mr. Cummings will confer with Judge W. F. Hennessey, of Hartford, counsel for Mr. Hill, as to the exact date.

Mr. Cummings stopped on his way home from a month's vacation in North Carolina. He is confident that President Wilson will be returned to office at the coming election. He thus expressed himself in an interview here.

"Of the presidential election as a nation-wide proposition I have no doubt—it will undoubtedly be Woodrow Wilson for four more years, and the people of the country are with him, and the people, not politicians, elect presidents. Of the president's election, I say, I have no doubt, but one must view with frankness the situation that confronts us. It is not going to be a walkover to elect the president."

Wilson is not going to run away with the election as he did in 1912. There are many states, no doubt, that gave their electoral vote to the president in 1912, that will not do so in 1916. New England, for instance, was almost solid for Wilson. Then the Republicans were split to pieces. Now they are practically re-united.

"I have no such such celebrity in these days that one cannot predict today what will happen tomorrow. I have the utmost faith, however, that the people of the United States are behind the president. They wanted peace and prosperity, and he gave it to them. They will not be quick to throw it away."

"I know it is customary for the political party that is out to make the issues, but it will not do it this year. The president's policies will be the issue in the coming campaign. He has made this issue, and I believe the people will endorse them."

**CUMMINGS NOT SEEKING NATIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP**

Stamford, April 25—Homer S. Cummings of this city, Democratic national committeeman for Connecticut, said today that under no circumstances was he to be considered a candidate for the chairmanship of the Democratic national committee.

Chairman William F. McCombs yesterday stated to President Wilson a letter stating his wish not to continue as chairman after the close of the Democratic convention and Mr. Cummings had been mentioned as a possible successor. Mr. Cummings returned today from a three weeks' trip in the South and a visit to Washington. He said:

"Chairman McCombs has not resigned. He has merely indicated that he is not a candidate for re-election. One can scarcely blame him for taking that attitude. I know of no other

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### COUNTY BOARD GIVES LICENSES TO TWO CLUBS

Young Emmet and Gaelic Athletic Clubs Found Legitimate Organizations.

NOT CLASSED WITH "MUSHROOM" CLUBS

License To Be Issued To Theatrical Comedy Club Also.

After a delay of over a month, the county commissioners this morning granted liquor licenses to the Young Emmet club, located in the Post building in Main street, and the Bridgeport Gaelic Athletic club of 105 Middle street. These are the first of the organizations included in the blanket remonstrance filed by local clergymen to obtain licenses.

After careful investigation the commissioners found that these clubs were bona fide organizations and were not formed solely for the purpose of selling liquor. It was found that the money obtained from the sale of liquor to members did not go to individuals but was put into the club treasury.

Both clubs have been organized here for many years so were not classed with the "mushroom" clubs, formed recently to evade the law.

The commissioners visited the premises of the Young Emmet and Gaelic clubs and also inspected the books. Everything was found to be in good order. At the time the remonstrance was filed against 12 club applications the remonstrants were satisfied that the Young Emmet and Gaelic clubs were bona fide organizations, but thought there ought to be some improvement in their method of keeping records of receipts and expenditures.

Applications of the Royal Social club, the Golden Inn and the Elm Court club have already been denied, following hearings on the remonstrances. A number of applications are still pending. The commissioners expect to hold hearings on these within the next few weeks.

George F. Mara appeared for the Gaelic club in the recent proceedings and Attorney Thomas M. Cullinan represented the Young Emmet club.

It was also announced today that the remonstrance against the Theatrical Comedy club, 988 Main street, had been withdrawn. It is expected that a license will be granted to this club in a short time.

### GERMAN LEADERS HOPE TO OBIVATE BREAK WITH U. S.

Further Report From Gerard on Berlin's Reply is Awaited.

Washington, April 25—A report from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin outlining the results of his long conference with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, over the American note, was expected at the state department today.

It was announced that the ambassador would shed further light on the attitude of the German government regarding America's demands in the submarine controversy.

Mr. Gerard is understood to have already reported that strong political influences are at work in Germany to prevent a rupture between the two nations. Labor leaders and Socialists were represented as being particularly adverse to a severance of diplomatic relations.

The ambassador is already reported to have said there is already strong indication of Germany's to make some concessions. Whether these concessions will be broad enough to meet the American demands is problematical.

The fact that the ambassador and the chancellor conferred at some length was pointed to here as a hopeful sign. If Germany does not dispute to meet the demands of the United States it was believed that there would have been no lengthy discussion.

New York, April 25—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who has been in this city for the past few days, was to return to Washington today on an afternoon train. He declined to say to newspapermen whether he received advices from his government bearing on the American note. His questioners found him, however, seemingly cheerful in spirit.

The ambassador's baggage was packed for departure to the capital from that district.

### BRITISH AEROS IN EGYPT.

London, April 25—Eight British aeroplanes bombarded the hostile camp at Quatia, in Egypt, near the Suez Canal, it was announced officially today. The camp was destroyed and the hostile troops, the aviators reported, apparently began to withdraw from that district.

### Three English Warships Are Hit, But Not Seriously Damaged—Civilian Residents Are Victims of Attack—Material Damage is Reported As Light—British Airships and Naval Forces in Heavy Bombardment of German Positions on Belgian Coast—Docks Are Destroyed and Several Vessels Reported Sunk in Zeebrugge Harbor.

London, April 25—German battle cruisers appeared off Lowestoft today.

Local naval forces and British light cruisers engaged the raiders.

The German warships retreated in 20 minutes. Announcement of the appearance of the German warships was made in an official statement.

The German warships opened fire on the coast before departing. Two men, one woman and a child were killed. The material damage apparently was small.

**British Warships Reported Hit**  
In the engagement two British light cruisers and a destroyer were hit but none of them was sunk.

The following official announcement was made: "At about 4:30 o'clock this morning the German battle cruiser squadron, accompanied by light cruisers and destroyers, appeared off Lowestoft. The local naval forces engaged it and in about 20 minutes it returned to Germany, chased by our light cruisers and destroyers."

"On shore two men, one woman and a child were killed. The material damage seems to have been insignificant, so far as is known at present. Two British light cruisers and a destroyer were hit, but none was sunk."

Lowestoft is on the North Sea coast about 100 miles to the northeast of London, almost opposite the Hague.

On previous occasions, during the war, attacks on the English coast have been made by German warships. The most important raid was made on Dec. 16, 1914. The towns of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool, about 150 miles north of Lowestoft, were bombarded and about 130 persons were killed. Aided by fog, the German vessels escaped.

On June 24, 1915, a further attack of the kind was made but the German squadron was met off Doggerbank by the British battle cruiser squadron under Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty. On being sighted, the Germans made for home at high speed. Their rear ship, the Bluecher, was sunk, and two other cruisers were set on fire and damaged severely. The British flagship Lion was disabled by a shot in one of her rear turrets and was towed home.

The first German naval raid on the British coast was made on November 3, 1914. Three battle cruisers, the Selditz, Moltke and Von Der Tann, the armored cruisers Bluecher and Yorek, and protected cruisers Kolberg, Graudenz and Strassburg, left port on the evening of Nov. 2 and at dawn appeared off Yarmouth. They bombarded Yarmouth and Lowestoft for about 20 minutes and then returned. A British submarine—the D-5—attempted to pursue the Germans but struck a mine and sank.

The raid on Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby was the most important of these ventures. German man cruisers poured a hail of shells into the towns for an hour and a half, and in addition to the large number killed, 200 or more persons were wounded.

Lowestoft, now raided for the second time by warships, is the easterly town in England and is a fishing station and a fashionable seashore resort. Its population is about 30,000. This town has been attacked on several occasions by German aircraft.

### BRITISH SHELL BELGIAN COAST

London, April 25—An attack on German positions on the Belgian coast by British warships is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam. The bombardment is described as one of the heaviest in this region during the war.

The despatch says the following bombardment was one of the heaviest since the beginning of the war and also of the longest duration.

"Several British airships, accompanied by destroyers and other vessels, yesterday bombarded Zeebrugge and the German batteries of Peys, Blankenbergh and Knocke. The

"The damage done at Zeebrugge is said to have been enormous. The harbor and docks were hit several times and some ships were sunk. "British aircraft also threw bombs on German batteries."

### ZEPPELINS AGAIN RAID BRITISH COAST; GERMAN AEROS ATTACK SALONIKI

London, April 25—Seventy bombs were dropped during last night's Zeppelin raid. One man was injured. Four or five Zeppelins, the official press bureau says, took part in the raid.

**GERMANS RAID SALONIKI.**  
Paris, April 25—A squadron of German aeroplanes has delivered another attack on the entrenched camp of the entente allies at Saloniki, according to a Havas despatch from Saloniki today. The airmen flying over the camp from Aigles and dropping the bombs at Little damage was done by the raiders, according to the despatch. Aside from the aerial activity there was calm along the front.

**MORE RUSSIAN TROOPS ARRIVE IN MARSEILLES**  
Marseilles, France, April 25—Another contingent of Russian troops arrived here this morning.

The first force of Russians arrived at Marseilles on Thursday of last week. The number of men in the expedition was not disclosed although the Russian contingent was described as a "strong force." It was intimated in a despatch from Marseilles that possibly a quarter of a million men would be sent this spring from Russia to France as Russia has more men under training than she can use on her fighting lines and it is easier to equip them in France than in Russia.

**THE WEATHER**  
Weather: Unsettled, probably showers tonight and Wednesday.